

Welcome to Aardvark's environmental news briefing

- **What we're doing now will make the ocean completely unlivable:** Oxygen-poor waters have always existed in the sea, but in the last 50 years these "oxygen minimum zones" have grown. Climate change is one cause: the sea is warming, and warmer water can dissolve less of the gas. (newscientist.com 07/11/2017)
- **News related to 'Defra throws weight behind total ban on bee-harming pesticides':** Michael Gove said he was keen to work with British farmers to explore alternative approaches to grow crops without neonics. (edie.net 09/11/2017)
- **Government announces £84m robotics and smart energy innovation funding:** Four new research hubs to develop robotics for nuclear and offshore wind will be set up alongside a new £16m fund for smart energy systems innovation. (businessgreen.com 09/11/2017)
- **Planting trees could mop up ten years' worth of greenhouse gases:** A massive programme of tree-planting could significantly reduce the warming trend. (newscientist.com 07/11/2017)
- **UK's biggest solar farm planned for Kent coast:** Subsidy-free plant would cover 900 acres of farmland near Great Expectations marshes at Faversham, dwarfing output of UK's current largest solar site (theguardian.com 09/11/2017)
- **House in the middle of M62 motorway to be transformed into 'wildlife haven':** Stott's Hill Farm in Yorkshire will enable wildlife and meadows to thrive while operating as a commercial enterprise. (independent.co.uk 04/11/2017)
- **Climate's magic rabbit: Pulling CO2 out of thin air:** UN climate negotiators are meeting in Bonn amid a welter of reports indicating that concentrations of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere have broken records. Our environment correspondent Matt McGrath has travelled to Switzerland to see if technology to remove CO2 from the air could be the answer to this ongoing carbon conundrum. (bbc.co.uk 15/11/2017)

And finally...

- **Sheep 'can recognise human faces':** Sheep have demonstrated the ability to recognise familiar human faces, according to a study. (bbc.co.uk 08/11/2017)

Latest news from the Aardvark team

Aardvark has completed an environmental assessment for a large church in London. Focusing on the church's energy, waste, water, biodiversity and transport, the study assessed both short and longer term improvements for the next stage of the HLF grant funded redevelopment. If your business would benefit from a similar assessment, please get in touch. For all the Aardvark news go to www.aardvarkem.co.uk.

